

Administrative Notice DMMA-04-2006

TO: All Staff

DATE: May 22, 2006

ANNUAL INCREASE IN COMMUNITY SPOUSE MINIMUM  
MONTHLY MAINTENANCE NEEDS ALLOWANCE

**BACKGROUND**

Under Section 1924 of the Social Security Act, the minimum monthly maintenance needs standard for the community spouse is increased on July 1 each year. In addition, the excess shelter amount increases on July 1.

**DISCUSSION**

The figures below are based on federal poverty levels published prior to July 1 each year. Section 1924 of the Social Security Act requires July 1 as the effective date.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006, the increased amounts are:

	2005	2006
A. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance	\$1608.00	\$1650.00
B. Excess Shelter (30% of A)	\$483.00	\$ 495.00
C. Family Allowance (1/3 of A)	\$ 536.00	\$ 550.00

DCIS II will update the need standard for the community spouse and the excess shelter amounts.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

None

**DIRECT INQUIRIES TO**

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**Signed - May 22, 2006**

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